(c) what would be the impact on the Indian economy due to suspen-, sion of this aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) In the recent years the Australian assistance to India has been of the order of Aus. $ 2 to 3 million per annum. The assistance has been in the nature of technical assistance for a number of projects is Sectors like Animal Husbandry, Rural Development etc. The Australian Government has recently conveyed their intention to phase out this assistance, because of their own economic problems.

(c) As the amount of assistance is not large, it's phasing out is not likely to have much impact on the, Indian economy.

Labour Conferences

810. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how may labour conferences were held during the last three years;

(b) what were the recommendations of e, ach of these conferences;

(c) whether any of these recommendations have been implemented, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the recommendation to double Labour Courts/Tribunals has been implemented, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what steps are being taken to implement *the* recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Indian Labour Conference was held in November, 1985.

(b) and (c) A Statement is tached. *(See* Appendix CXL, A. nexure No. 34.)

(d) No such recommendation was made, by the Indian Lnbour Con. ference.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.`

Trade Prospects with China

811. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER; SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there, are good prospects of trade with China;

(b) if *so,* what specific steps hare been taken to improve trade with China;

(c) the total turn-out. trade between the two countries during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up industries under joint ventures in either country as well as third countries?.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir-

(b) Specific steps to improve trade between India and P. R. China in clude exchange of trade delegations, signing of a trade agreement in August 1984 under which the two Governments agreed to accord Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment on matters relating to bilateral trade, and signing of a trade wrotocol in November 1985 to facilitate exchange of goods between the two countries during 1986. The two countries have been participating in each other's trade fairs.

(c) Rs. in crores

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 (Provision l)
Export	66.49	19.39	28.83
Import	9084	61.45	165.31

(d) No, Sir.

Manhandling of Bank Official at Malda

812. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI A. G. KUUCARNI:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI;
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased, to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Minister entered the State Bank Branch at Sujamtr (Malda) and manhandled a Bank Manager;

(b) if so, wht are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to give protection to the bank officials in such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that on July 18, 1986, Shri A. B. A. Ghani Khan Choudhury, Minister of Programme Implementation had called a meeting of all banks in Malda to discuss about speedy disposal of loan applications received from people whose properties were affected by hail-storm in April-May, 1986. Thereafter, on August 4, 1986 the Minister visited the Sujapur branch of, the bank and pointed out the unsatisfactory performance of the branch in disposing loan applications. The Minister has denied that he manhandled a Branch Manager.

जाली पारपत्र और वीसा का जारी किया जाना

813. **श्री राम सिंह भाई पातलीयाभाई राठवा :** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात जानकारी है कि एक गिरोह जाली पारपत्र और वीसा जारी करने के काम में लगा हुआ है, जिसका हाल के छापों और तलाशियों के दौरान पता लगा है;

(ख) क्या कुछ ट्रेवल एजेन्ट, पुलिस अधिकारी, दूतावास अधिकारी और पासपोर्ट कार्यालय के अधिकारी इस साजिश में अन्तर्ग्रस्त पाये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 22 अक्तूबर, 1986 को हिन्दी दैनिक "हिन्दुस्तान" में "जाली पासपोर्ट के धन्धे में अधिकारी भी शामिल" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस मामले में क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) सरकार को इस मामले के बारे में मालूम है जिसकी खबर विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में छपी है और जिनमें हिन्दी का दैनिक हिन्दुस्तान भी शामिल है और जिसमें कहा गया है कि दिल्ली पुलिस ने कुछ ऐसे लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है जिन पर जाली पासपोर्ट और वीसा जारी करने का धंधा करने का आरोप है । इस मामले की अभी छानबीन हो रही है ।

(घ) सरकार ने पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों में चौकसी और भ्रष्टाचार निरोधक उपायों को पहले ही और मजबूत कर दिया है । छानबीन के बाद और उपाय भी किए जाएंगे ।